Khadi Gramodyog in Chhattisgarh

† 153. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government propose to promote Khadi Gramodyog in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people likely to be benefited from these industries?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) For the development of Khadi and Village Industries in the country, the Government of India is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) throughout the country including the State of Chhattisgarh. Under this scheme, margin money assistance is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost for the projects upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs. For projects costing above Rs. 10.00 lakhs, and upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, rate of Margine Money is 25% of Rs. 10.00 lakhs, plus 10% of the remaining cost of the project. For weaker sections *viz.* SC/ST/Ex-Servicemen Women/Minority/ Physical Handicapped/OBC beneficiaries belongs to NE Region, Sikkim, Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep etc., the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% of the remaining cost of the project upto Rs. 25 lakhs. The scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, RRBs, Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Banks etc. The borrower is required to invest a contribution of 10% of the project cost and in the case of weaker sections, it is 5%.

Further, for the development of Khadi and Village Industries sector in the country including Chhattisgarh, the Government is implementing Rebate/ Scheme, Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme (ISEC) providing subsidized rate of interest on bank loans and Product Development Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) scheme for improved designs.

(c) Under the REGP scheme, about 1131 projects have been financed, generating 31989 job opportunities (upto 31.03.2004) in the State of Chhattisgarh, since its inception in the year 2000-01. Under this scheme, for the year 2004-05 a target for generating 15025 job opportunities in the State of Chhattisgarh has been fixed.

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